

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 2d8CnLxT

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000108.026

Medium: Image File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

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Applicant: The District Court at Auckland

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 April 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image depicts a man involving a young girl in a sexual act and is a record of her sexual abuse. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The image is clearly intended for the arousal of adults with a sexual interest in children. Material such as this normalises and legitimises children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and arousal. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support s3(2) criteria are deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.